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* What are/were the Zionists? Who is Theodore Herzl?
* How is the Balfour Declaration of 1917 related to Zionist aspirations?
* How were Jewish immigrants received by many of their new Palestinian and Arab neighbors?
* What events in the 1930’s and 1940’s provoked more Jews to attempt to move?
* Why were the British slow to open the doors of immigration during the rise of Hitler?
* After the establishment of Jewish and Palestinian areas by 1947, why were both groups unsatisfied with the partition?
* What was the result of the Arab-Israeli War of 1948-9?
* What were the roots to the rise of Gamal Abdel Nasser and the Free Officers Movement in Egypt?
* After their coup d’état of Faruq in 1952, what did Nasser accomplish in Egypt?
* What event elevated Nassar’s role in the Arab world?

“The Jewish question persists wherever Jews live in appreciable numbers. Wherever it does not exist, it is brought in together with Jewish immigrants. We are naturally drawn into those places where we are not persecuted, and our appearance there gives rise to persecution. This is the case, and will inevitably be so, everywhere, even in highly civilised countries—see, for instance, France—so long as the Jewish question is not solved on the political level. The unfortunate Jews are now carrying the seeds of anti-Semitism into England; they have already introduced it into America.”

-**Theodor Herzl in Der Judenstaat**

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**The Balfour Declaration  
November 2, 1917**

*During the First World War, British policy became gradually committed to the idea of establishing a Jewish home in Palestine (Eretz Yisrael). After discussions in the British Cabinet, and consultation with Zionist leaders, the decision was made known in the form of a letter by Arthur James Lord Balfour to Lord Rothschild. The letter represents the first political recognition of Zionist aims by a Great Power.*

Foreign Office  
November 2nd, 1917

Dear Lord Rothschild,

I have much pleasure in conveying to you, on behalf of His Majesty's Government, the following declaration of sympathy with Jewish Zionist aspirations which has been submitted to, and approved by, the Cabinet.

"His Majesty's Government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavours to facilitate the achievement of this object, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine, or the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country."

I should be grateful if you would bring this declaration to the knowledge of the Zionist Federation.

Yours sincerely,

Arthur James Balfour

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“The holy march on which the Arab nation insists, will carry us forward from one victory to another... the flag of freedom which flies over Baghdad today will fly over Amman and Riyadh. Yes, the flag of freedom which flies over Cairo, Damascus, and Baghdad today will fly over the rest of the Middle East... Yes the Arab flag of freedom...” - Gamal Abdel Nasser July 19,1958

“The genius of you Americans is that you never make clear-cut stupid moves, only complicated stupid moves which make the rest of us wonder at the possibility that we might be missing something.” - Nasser